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1) "White Paper" on press guidance (OPA, OGC, Di, NE)
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2) Paper on motivations for Green on Blue violence (OSA)
3) Contact State Leg! Affairs for questions on document destruction at consulate (OCA)
For DCIA:
1) Cable(s) to warning of protests linked to the film and response (NE)
2) Cable(s) to stations on 9/11 security (DS, NCS)
Please send Committee responses to OCA for 7th floor coord.
Please send DCIA responses to ODCIA.
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Congressional talking points en route this afternoon for coord

Tommy: .

Echoing my voicemail to you:

You should be seeing some "White Paper" talking points from us this afternoon for coordination. They are for Congressional use, per their request, re Benghazi issues.

Thanks,

Chief, Media Relations CIA Office of Public Affairs CIROPA

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The White House has reviewed them and wanted to ensure that you saw them - especially the portions highlighted by the White House.

Kindly indicate that you have reviewed these points. We are planning on transmitting them to the Hill tonight.

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I will be free to discuss in about 20 minutes if necessary.
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Colleagues:
I'm told that Chairman Rogers intends to use these talking points on Sunday.
Kindly respond to this note indicating that you've reviewed these talking points ASAP.
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Vietor, Tommy [Thomas_F._Vietor@v

Friday, September 14, 2012 8:58 PM

To: Subject: Nuland, Victoria J; Sullivan, Jacob J; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; STATE PA

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RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

We will use these too

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From: Nuland, Victoria J [nulandvj@

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 08:55 PM Eastern Standard Time

To: Vietor, Tommy; Sullivan, Jacob J; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; State PA

Subject: Re: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

These are points for Congress to use w press. Shant they be consistent with our own public lines if we are recommending them?

From: Vietor, Tommy [mailto:Thomas_F._Vietor@

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 08:43 PM

'o: Sullivan, Jacob J; Rhodes, Benjamin J. <Benjamin_J._Rhodes@

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There is massive disinformation out there, in particular with Congress. They all think it was premeditated based on inaccurate assumptions or briefings. So I think this is a response to not only a tasking from the house intel committee but also NSC guidance that we need to brief members/press and correct the record

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----Original Message----

From: Sullivan, Jacob J [Sullivan]J@

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 08:40 PM Eastern Standard Time

To: Rhodes, Benjamin J.; Vietor, Tommy; STATE PA, Nuland, Victoria J

Subject: FW: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

Skinnying list. I do not understand the nature of this exercise. And some of the statements below are new by me. Can we have a conversation before this goes out?

From: Adams, David S

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 8:39 PM To: Nuland, Victoria J; NSC Deputy Press Secretary; , CA OPA ; Shawn.Turner@c ; STATE PA : Sullivan, Jacob J

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Sent: Fridav. September 14, 2012 6:48 PM

CIA OFA ; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; NSS PRESS, Shawn.Turner@ TO CIA OPA

Nuland, Victoria J; STATE PA WH PRESS.

CC CIA OCA Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review FYI, Brennan will have edits. Im waiting for those.

CIA OPA

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 6:43 PM

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CC: CIA OCA

Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

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Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 6:41 PM

To: CIA OFA; Vietor, Tommy; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; NSS, WH PRESS

CC: CIA OCA

Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

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nt: Friday, September 14, 2012 6:24 PM

: Vietor, Tommy; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; NSS; WH PRESS

Cc: CIA Sushawn S Turner

Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

Thanks very much for your prompt response, Tommy.

Will send over to STATE.

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From: Vietor, Tommy [mailto:Thomas F. Vietor@

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 6:21 PM

To: CIA JPA; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; NSS, WH PRESS

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Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

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CC: CIA OCA Shawn.Turner@

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Friday, September 14, 2012 9:15 PM

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Here's where we stand as of this hour.

Everyone has submitted coordination comments.

The State Department had major reservations with much or most of the document. We revised the document with their concerns in mind. The latest version is below, as sent to State.

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Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 8:59 PM

To: nulandvi

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Here's a draft note to the DIRECTOR

Sir — We've tried to work the draft talking points for HPSCI through the coordination process but have run into major problems. Perhaps as a result of the afternoon teleconference, a number of agencies have been looped in. The White House cleared quickly, but State has major concerns. The Bureau cleared with a few comments but asked that Justice, which would handle any criminal prosecution, be brought in. It is evident that will not happen tonight, and Ben Rhodes has asked that this issue be reviewed tomorrow morning at the Deputies' meeting.

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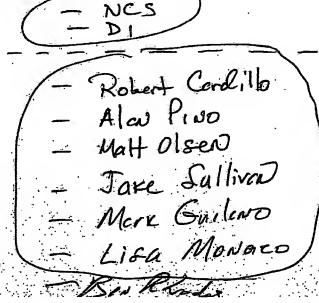
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Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 10:51 AM To: Nicholas J Rasmussen; Matthew G. Olsen

cc: NCTC Subject: Unclassified Talking Points

Sirs - Here is what we sent Heather Molino (Ruppersberger)

It's very early, less than 72 hours since the attack. So there is a lot we don't know.

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Subject: [AIN] RE:

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Please respond to "Sullivan,

Jacob J*
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1. We call it "the US mission" or the "US diplomatic post" because it is not actually a Consulate.
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Please respond to "Inglis, John C"

NSA concurs with the content and cast of the bullets. Thanks for the chance to review.

Chris Inglis

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Cheers, CIA FO

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Subject: [AIN] Re:

MICHAEJM, Alan R Pino.

Please respond to Robert Cardillo

MICHAEJM

CEA FO

cc: CAFO

Subject: RE:

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From: MICHABUM Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:20 PM To: Robert Cardillo; Alan R Pino Subject: Fw:
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CIA FO

Please respond to

This is to confirm in writing: I just spoke with Alan on the phone. Allen said he concurred with the TPs.

----Original Message----

From: MICHAEJM

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:19 PM

TO: CEAOPA, CFROCA

CC: CEA FO

Subject: Re:

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Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:44 PM

To:

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CTA OCA Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:51 PM

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DAVIDHP74

Cc:

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Subject:

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USUN

.Sent:

Saturday, September 15, 2012 2:21 PM

To:

USUN

Subject:

Re: SBU/CLOSEHOLD: 0800 SVTS on Movie Protests/Violence

Please do-I have not reached out.

Best, USUN

From: USUN

Sent: Saturday, September 15. 2012 02:15 PM

To:

USUN

Subject: Re: SBU/CLOSEHOLD: 0800 SVTS on Movie Protests/Violence

references below unless either of you are linked in to this effort. Pis let I'm going to email Jake on the libya points me know.

From: USUN

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 01:23 PM

To: Rice, Susan E (USUN); USUN '; DiCarlo, Rosemary A (USUN); USUN

JC: USUN

Subject: SBU/CLOSEHOLD: 0800 SVTS on Movie Protests/Violence

Libya:

HPSCI request: Late this week, CIA Director Petraeus gave the HPSCI a "hots spots" briefing and was asked for unclassified talking points that its members could use about incident in Benghazi. (Apparently NCTC Director Matt Olson received a similar committee from a congressional committee.) The first draft apparently seemed unsuitable (based on conversations on the SVTS and afterwards) because they seemed to encourage the reader to infer incorrectly that the CIA had warned about a specific attack on our embassy. On the SVTS, Morell noted that these points were not good and he had taken a heavy editing hand to them. He noted that he would be happy to work with Jake Sullivan and Rhodes to develop appropriate talking points. McDonough, on Rhodes's behalf, deferred to Sullivan. It was agreed that Jake would work closely with the intelligence community (within a small group) to finalize points on Saturday that could be shared with HPSCI. I spoke to Jake immediately after the SVTS and noted that you were doing the Sunday morning shows and would need to be aware of the final posture that these points took. He committed to ensure that we were updated in advance of the Sunday shows. I specifically mentioned USUN as the one coordinating your preparations for the shows and also strongly encouraged him to loop in USUN during the process.

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From:

DAVIDHP74

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Sent:

Saturday, September 15, 2012 2:27 PM

o: Cc:

MICHAEJM: CIA FO

Subject:

RE: Hill Talking Points

No mention of the cable to Cairo, either? Frankly, I'd just as soon not use this, then... NSS's call, to be sure; however, this is certainly not what Vice Chairman RUppersberger was hoping to get for unclas use. Regardless, thx for the great work -

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CC: MICHAEJM; CIA-FO DOCTA COS FO CIA OPA

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Sent:

Saturday, September 15, 2012 2:44 PM

To: Cc: USUN

Subject:

Re: Libya - Unclass IC pts

Coming your way.

---- Original Message -----

From: USUN

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 02:33 PM

To: Sullivan, Jacob J

CC: USUN

Subject: Libya - Unclass IC pts

Jake - understand from USUN that you're working a set of unclass IC pts on libya for the Hill. If these are going to be finalized by Sunday am (or COB today), can we get a copy for Susan to ensure we're on the same msg? Happy to have USUN work with whomever on the State team is handling this, unless it's you - in which case happy to get them directly. Whatever is easiest.

Many thx.

USUN

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Subject:

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Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:26 AM

To: 'Rhodes, Benjamin J.' < Benjamin J. Rhodes@ ; 'michaejm@

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Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:12 AM

To: 'michaejm@ ; Robert.Cardillo@ ; alanrp@ ; matt.olsen@ Sullivan, Jacob J; mark.giulianof ; jcinglif ; lisa.monacof

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Subject: RE:

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----Original Message----

From: michaeim@ [mailto:michaeim@

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:08 AM

To: Robert.Cardillo@ ; alanrp@ ; matt.olsen@ ; sullivanjj@ _ mark.giuliano@ ; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; jcingli@ ; lisa.monaco@ ;! Ux 60

CC: LIK OCA CIK OPA

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Subject:

Per the discussion at Deputies, here are the revised TPs for HPSCI. Let me know what you think.

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CFAOCA CTA OCA From: Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 3:09 PM To: MICHAEJM; CIA OPA Cc: Subject: The email has been sent to the Hill. V/r OCA ---- Original Message ----From: MICHAEJM Santamban 15 2012 12:37 PM Sent Catuaday TO: CEAOPA CIA OCA Cc: PO CIA FO Subject: Re: OCA everyone has coordinated. OPA has captured the changes below. Please run the points by the Director, then get them to HPSCI. I spoke to the Director earlier about State's deep concerns about mentioning the warnings and the other work done on this, but you will want to reemphasize in your note to DCIA. Thanks. Michael ---- Original Message ----From: CIA OPA Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:13 PM TO: CEAOCA MICHAEJM CC: FO CEA FO ubiect: RE: Here's where we are with the tweaks after tweaks from Ben and Jake: --The currently available information suggests that the demonstrations in Benghazi were spontaneously inspired by the protests at the US Embassy in Cairo and evolved into a direct assault against the US diplomatic post in Benghazi and subsequently its annex. There are indications that extremists participated in the violent demonstrations. --This assessment may change as additional information is collected and analyzed and as currently available information continues to be evaluated. -- The investigation is on-going, and the US Government is working with Libyan authorities to bring to justice those responsible for the deaths of US citizens. ----Original Message-----From: CIAOCA Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:03 PM To: MICHAEJM CC: CTAOPA Subject: Re:

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Rhodes, Benjamin J. [Benjamin_J._Rhodes@ Saturday, September 15, 2012 7:12 PM

NSC Deputy Press Secretary

Subject:

Re:

Yup

From: USUN

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 05:59 PM To: Rhodes, Benjamin J.; Vietor, Tommy

Subject: FW:

Is this the final language you want to use on Benghazi? Have short window to get her something on paper soon.

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